

what that means to the state. The attempt to hold the bill over...to pass it over was simply an attempt out of courtesy for other people who had vested interest in the industry that did have a desire to attach things to my little bill. I think possibly an important thing is that all of the things that have been brought up relative to the merits of whether or not Ak-Sar-Ben should or should not have the tax reduction that is being requested, or the situation with Lincoln, or all of these other questions, you know, my bill is the mainline situation here. I think all of those things can be argued on their merits at the point in time which they are...there is an attempt to try to attach those to the bill, as the DeCamp amendment which will attempt to reduce the rate to 4.5 percent next year, as Senator DeCamp tries to attach that bill, I think that would be the appropriate time to voice your opinion as to whether or not you want that attachment to the mainline bill. The same thing with the provisions for Lincoln. So rather than go through that argument, or even the impact that it has on LB 154, which basically was originally designed to simply address the Columbus track and the Atokad track in South Sioux City, the decision at that point in time can be made whether or not you do favor the increases being proposed. This is kind of what has happened all the way along through the various stages of debate. It seems as though the body favored the reductions that were being designed or the continuation of an exemption that was being designed for the small tracks. At each stage of debate Ak-Sar-Ben and/or other interests have come along and have tried to attach to that bill. At that point in time I think the specific arguments as to the merits of supporting the industry in the future and all of the other things that are being brought up can be addressed. At that point each individual member of the body can decide whether or not they would want to support that being attached to the bill. Once they are attached to the bill, naturally, then I, personally, run the risk that people attach to the bill with the idea that they will then kill it in its final form on Final Reading. But at this point in time they are not attached. My bill is a separate entity, in and of itself, that I think has merit. As this amendment is brought forward to the body and an attempt is made to attach it to my bill, that is when we can either vote that amendment up or down on the merits of that specific argument. So, with that, I guess out of courtesy, like I say, to various people who have asked me to do some things, and through my naivety possibly I've been more agreeable